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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED OCTOBER 8, 2003

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on October 8, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following two groups of claims:

Group I - Claims 1-16, drawn to a system selecting a foreground region of an image, classified in class 358, subclass 464.

Group II - Claims 17-29 drawn to a method, or a system, for integrating extracted images, classified in class 382, subclass 284, and class 358, subclass 450 and 462.

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Applicants' representative hereby elects with traverse Group I (Claims 1-16, drawn to a system selecting a foreground region of an image, classified in class 358, subclass 464) for further prosecution on the merits.

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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